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SUBJECT: PENDING MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER ACTIONS

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1. FOR MISSION'S INFORMATION, STATUS REPORT ON PENDING
MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIONS
LISTED REFTEL FOLLOWS. SUBSEQUENT ACTION MESSAGES
WILL BE IN THEIR NORMAL CHANNELS.

2. MODIFIED NIKE HERCULES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: COMPANY
HAS ASKED THAT ITS EARLIER REQUEST REGARDING THE TECH-
NICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT FOR NH PROGRAM BE HELD IN
ABEYANCE UNTIL THE RESULTS OF LATER DISCUSSIONS WITH
ROKG ON PROGRAM CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO NEW REQUEST.
BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH COMPANY, LATEST PROGRAM APPEARS
MORE IN LINE WITH AIR DEFENSE MISSION AND WE BELIEVE
INTERAGENCY REVIEW CAN BE CONDUCTED EXPEDITIOUSLY WHEN

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REVISED REQUEST RECEIVED FROM COMPANY.

3. EQUIPMENT FOR ROK MISSILE RANGE: REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT
FOR MISSILE RANGE RAISES BROADER POLICY QUESTIONS INVOLVING

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PROVISION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO ROKG. WE WOULD ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS IN INTERAGENCY STUDY WHICH WOULD BECOME BASIS FOR DECISION ON MISSILE RANGE EQUIPMENT.

4. ROCKET PROPELLANT SAFETY TRAINING: REQUEST BY LOCKHEED TO INITIATE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ADD IN SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR MANUFACTURING ROCKET PROPELLANT IS BEING CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH OTHER MISSILE RELATED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO ADD.

5. PRE-PRODUCTION HARPOON MISSILES: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS NOW AGREED THAT US NAVY MAY PROCEED WITH FOREIGN SALES OF HARPOON. HOWEVER, DELAYS IN HARPOON PROGRAM HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY TO REVALIDATE HARPOON COSTS. NEW COSTS WILL BE REFLECTED IN REVISED LETTER OF OFFER WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. INFORMATION AND BRIEFING ON COSTS AND CAPABILITIES OF PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS: QUESTION OF PROVISION LASER GUIDED MUNITIONS AND SHRIKE IS UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW. DEFENSE PRESENTLY MAKING STUDY OF ROKG NEED FOR SUCH WEAPONS AND INTERAGENCY DECISION WILL BE SOUGHT AS SOON AS STUDY COMPLETED.

7. EXPORT OF .30 CALIBER CARBINE AMMUNITION: DECISION IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

8. TUBES FOR 105 AND 155 MM HOWITZERS AND 106 MM RECOIL-LESS RIFLES: WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FORMAL ROKG REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF END ITEMS. AGREEMENT TO END PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENT OF TUBES IS LIKELY AND WE WILL MOVE QUICKLY ON DECISION.

9. FUNDING OF PSMM WEAPONS PACKAGE: BY CIRCULAR SEPTEL EMBASSY WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE 1975 INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY
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MAP ALLOCATIONS WHICH NOW BEFORE WHITE HOUSE FOR FINAL APPROVAL. TENTATIVE FIGURES FOR KOREA ARE \$82.6 GRANT ASSISTANCE, \$55 MILLION OF FMS, PLUS EDA AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR TOTAL OF \$145 MILLION. (THESE FIGURES SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH ROKG UNTIL SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.) WITH POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS ALONG LINES FRASER AMENDMENT IN FY 76, IT IS PRUDENT TO DIVERT AVAILABLE FMS CREDIT FUNDS ONLY TO

THOSE PROJECTS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY. THEREFORE, BELIEVE

IT BEST TO ALLOT ANY ADDITIONAL FY 74 FMS CREDIT TO
PRIORITY MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENTS, EASING PROBLEMS WE
MAY HAVE NEXT YEAR IF THERE FURTHER CEILING ON KOREAN
ASSISTANCE.

10. AMMO PROPELLANT FROM ROC: WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE
BEGUN REVIEW OF APRIL 18 REQUEST. IF MORTAR PROPELLING
CHARGES NOT IN PRODUCTION IN US, WE WILL PRESS FOR EARLY
ACTION ON REQUEST FOR ACQUISITION FROM ROC.

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